

2 Maccabees 2



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Also read 2 Maccabees in the
1535 Coverdale, 1537
Matthew's, 1539 Taverner's,
1540 Great Bible, 1560
Geneva, 1568 Bishop's, and the
1382 Wycliffe (handwritten in Middle
English) Bible versions.

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2=1 It is also
found in the
records, that
Jeremy the
prophet
commanded

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**them that were
carried away to
take of the fire,
as it hath been
signified:**

**2=2 And how
that the prophet,
having given
them the law,
charged them
not to forget**

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**the
commandments
of the Lord, and
that they should
not err in their
minds, when
they see images
of silver and
gold, with their
ornaments.**

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2=3 And with
other such
speeches
exhorted he
them, that the
law should not
depart from
their hearts.

2=4 It was also
contained in the
same writing,

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**that the prophet,
being warned of
God,
commanded the
tabernacle and
the ark to go
with him, as he
went forth into
the mountain,
where Moses
climbed up, and**

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**saw the heritage
of God.**

2=5 And when
Jeremy came
thither, he found
an hollow cave,
wherein he laid
the tabernacle,
and the ark, and
the altar of
incense, and so

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**stopped the
door.**

2=6 And some of
those that
followed him
came to mark
the way, but
they could
not find it.

2=7 Which when
Jeremy

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**perceived, he
blamed them,
saying, As for
that place, it
shall be
unknown until
the time that
God gather his
people again
together, and**

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**receive them
unto mercy.**

2=8 Then shall
the Lord shew
them these
things, and the
glory of the
Lord shall
appear, and the
cloud also, as it
was shewed

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**under Moses,
and as when
Solomon
desired that the
place might be
honourably
sanctified.**

2=9 It was also
declared, that
he being wise
offered the

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**sacrifice of
dedication, and
of the finishing
of the temple.**

2:10 And as
when Moses
prayed unto the
Lord, the fire
came down
from heaven,
and consumed

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**the sacrifices:
even so prayed
Solomon also,
and the fire
came down
from heaven,
and consumed
the burnt
offerings.**

**2: 11 And Moses
said, Because**

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**the sin offering
was not to be
eaten, it was
consumed.**

2: 12 So

**Solomon kept
those eight
days.**

2: 13 The same
things also were
reported in the

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**writings and
commentaries
of Neemias; and
how he
founding a
library gathered
together the
acts of the
kings, and the
prophets, and of
David, and the**

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**epistles of the
kings
concerning the
holy gifts.**

2: 14 In like
manner also
Judas gathered
together all
those things
that were lost by
reason of the

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war we had, and
they remain with
us,

2= 15 Wherefore
if ye have need
thereof, send
some to fetch
them unto you.

2= 16 Whereas
we then are
about to

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**celebrate the
purification, we
have written
unto you, and
ye shall do well,
if ye keep the
same days.**

2= 17 We hope
also, that the
God, that
delivered all his

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people, and
gave them all an
heritage, and
the kingdom,
and the
priesthood, and
the sanctuary,

2= 18As he
promised in the
law, will shortly
have mercy

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**upon us, and
gather us
together out of
very land under
heaven into the
holy place: for
he hath
delivered us out
of great
troubles, and**

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**hath purified the
place.**

2= 19 Now as
concerning
Judas
Maccabeus, and
his brethren,
and the
purification of
the great
temple, and the

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**dedication of
the altar,**

2=20 And the
wars against
Antiochus
Epiphanes, and
Eupator his
son,

2=21 And the
manifest signs
that came from

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**heaven unto
those that
behaved
themselves
manfully to their
honour for
Judaism: so
that, being but a
few, they
overcame the
whole country,**

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and chased
barbarous
multitudes,
2=22 And
recovered again
the temple
renowned all the
world over, and
freed the city,
and upheld the
laws which were

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going down, the
Lord being
gracious unto
them with all
favour:

2=23 All these
things, I say,
being declared
by Jason of
Cyrene in five
books, we will

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**assay to abridge
in one volume.**

**2=24 For
considering the
infinite number,
and the
difficulty which
they find that
desire to look
into the
narrations of the**

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**story, for the
variety of the
matter,**

2=25 We have
been careful,
that they that
will read may
have delight,
and that they
that are
desirous to

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**commit to
memory might
have ease, and
that all into
whose hands it
comes might
have profit.**

2=26 Therefore
to us, that have
taken upon us
this painful

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labour of
abridging, it was
not easy, but a
matter of sweat
and watching;

2=27 Even as it
is no ease unto
him that
prepareth a
banquet, and
seeketh the

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**benefit of
others: yet for
the pleasuring
of many we will
undertake
gladly this great
pains;**

**2=28 Leaving to
the author the
exact handling
of every**

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particular, and
labouring to
follow the rules
of an
abridgement.

2=29 For as the
master builder
of a new house
must care for
the whole
building; but he

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that undertaketh
to set it out, and
paint it, must
seek out fit
things for the
adorning
thereof: even so
I think it is with
us.

2=30 To stand
upon every

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**point, and go
over things at
large, and to be
curious in
particulars,
belongeth to the
first author of
the story:**

**2=31 But to use
brevity, and
avoid much**

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**labouring of the
work, is to be
granted to him
that will make
an abridgment.**

2=32 Here then
will we begin
the story: only
adding thus
much to that
which hath been

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said, that it is a foolish thing to make a long prologue, and to be short in the story itself.

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